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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED STATES ON CSCE AND
THE BELGRADE MEETINGS: LATEST AUSTRIAN VIEWS

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1. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER FRANZ CESKA, MFA SECTION
CHIEF FOR CSCE AFFAIRS, POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL ON APRIL 22.
GOA VIEWS THERETO FOLLOW.

2. GOA AGREES IN GENERAL WITH THE SUPPORTS VIEWS CONTAINED
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UNDER REFTEL SUBHEADINGS (A) PREPARATORY MEETING, (B) STRUCTURE
AND ORGANIZATION OF MAIN MEETING (FLEXIBLE ON OPENING DATE BUT
PREPARED TO BEGIN IN LATE SEPTEMBER, IF CONSENSUS DESIRES), AND
(C) ORGANIZATION OF IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW.

3. ON NEW PORPOSALS, GOA FELLING IS THAT ALL PROPOSALAS
WHOES AIM IS STIMULATING A BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF

FINAL ACT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. AT SAME TIME, AUSTRIAN VIEW IS THAT PROPOSALS WHICH WERE NOT ACCEPTED AT GENEVA SHOULD NOT BE RE-SUBMITTED AT BELGRADE. AS TO PROPOSALS ON CBM'S, AUSTRIA AS NEUTRAL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM DISCUSSED, PROVIDED THEY ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE ON APPLICATION OF CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS, AND NOT AIMED AT MODIFYING FINAL ACT ITSELF.

4. FINAL DOCUMENT. GOA WISHES TO HAVE FINAL COMMUNIQUE GO BEYOND BEING MERE FACTUAL STATEMENT OF BELGRADE MEETING AND INCLUDE SOME POTITIAL CONTEND. AUSTRIANS RECENTLY SUGGESTED AT STRABOURG MEETING TO DISCUSS CSCE PREPARATIONS THAT FINAL DOCUMENT MIGHT TAKE FORM OF SHORT COMMUNIQUE WITH ANNEXES WHICH COULD INCLUDE OPEING OR CLOSING STATEMENTS OR SPEECHES OF COUNTRY DELEGATIONS. AUSTRIAN AIM IS TO HAVE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, SOME OF POLITICAL SUBSTANCE OF BELGRADE MEETING PUBLISHED IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

5. POST-BELGRADE EXPERTS MEETINGS. GOA VIEWPOINT IS THAT EXPERTS MEETINGS OF SOME KIND WOULD HAVE MERIT IN THEIR MERE EXISTENCE AS INDICATION OF CONTINUATION OF EAST-WEST EFFORT AT INCREASED COOPERATION. THEIR ESTABLISHMENT HOWEVER SHOULD NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO PRESS FOR STOPPING SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT BELGRADE ITSELF; EXPERTS MEETING SHOULD THEREFORE BE GIVEN PRECISE MANDATE ON SCOPE AND TIME SPAN.

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6. MEDITERRANEAN ISSUES. GOA HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY NUMBER OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES (E.G. TUNISIA) REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION AT BELGRADE. AUSTRIA WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO SOMEWHAT BEYOND CSCE FORMULA BUT NOT TO INCLUDE OBSERVER STATUS AND TO EXPAND CIRCLE OF MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE.

7. FAMILY REUNIFICATION. THIS QUESTION IS NOT MAJOR ISSUE FOR GOA AND MOST RECENT RESULTS REGARDING PENDING AUSTRIAN CASES HAVE BEEN GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

8. BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. AUSTRIA DOES NOT FAVOR AN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OR PERIODICITY BUT IT DOES FEEL STRONGLY AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAT ANOTHER FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD AT FUTURE DATE AND THAT BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD DECIDE ON DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING. MEETING COULD BE TWO TO FOUR YEARS HENCE AND IN CAPITAL OF OTHER THAN MEMBER OF NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

9. AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO BELGRADE MEETINGS. GOA HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO SEND TWO-MAN DELEGATION (CESKA AND HIS DEPUTY BAUER) TO PREPARATORY MEETING AND FIVE-MAN DELEGATION. TO MAIN MEETING (MABASSADOR TO BELGRADE LIEDERMANN AS DELEGATION HEAD, CESKA, BAUER, MFA ECONOMIC EXPERT, AND GENERAL KUNTNER FROM DEFENSE MINISTRY). LIEDERMANN WAS HEAD OF AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA CSCE NEGOTIATIONS AND LATER MFA SECTION CHIEF FOR CSCE AFFAIRS. OTHER FOUR AUSTRIAN DELEGATES SERVED ON AUSTRIAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA.
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